

This South Texas country is wonderful in many ways. Down here flowers are in bloom, grass is green and the weather seems like Spring. Farmers are preparing their land and within a few weeks they will begin planting their 1926 crops. The soil is black and fertile, and although the first white settlers in Texas came to this section for some unexplained reason, the development of this section was postponed until a few years ago. Land is being cleared of the thick brush growth. Acres by the thousands are being put under the plow. Thousands of people are moving into South Texas from all over the country, attracted by the opportunities offered in what is potentially one of the richest sections of the North American continent.

North and Northwest Texas are much more highly developed than this older portion of Texas. Counties that were settled by white men, long before the Indian, the buffalo and the antelope left the Plains of Texas are far behind North and Northwest Texas counties. One would fancy himself in a recently discovered region, judging by the stage of development south of Floresville. There is much virgin soil, rich, black soil in Karnes, Bee, San Patricio and Nueces Counties, that is still covered in thick native growth of mesquite and other small timber. This land is capable of a production that would amount to staggering proportions, if developed. This land is being developed. New towns are springing up. Old towns are taking on new life.

But it is a country not without its disadvantages. Insect pests menace the new crops and add to the expense of making a crop. Land is almost unbelievably high priced. It is not uncommon for raw land, covered with a heavy growth of timber that is all but worthless, to sell for \$100 to \$150 per acre. Another \$25 or \$50 must be spent on each acre before it is possible to plant a crop. There are extremes of weather, also, so far as moisture is concerned. Drought has cut heavily into the crop yields in this section during the past two years. Frequently torrential rains do as much damage as the drought of the present year has done. In the main, farming is as uncertain here as it is in Wilbarger County, except in comparatively small irrigated areas, and the expense of making a crop is much larger.

Of course, there are possibilities of true farming and fruit growing that add to the possibilities of farming in this section. If the cotton crop fails, or even after it is gathered, it is possible to make a good cabbage crop that is worth quite as much as cotton. But the farmer who leaves a good sandy land farm in Wilbarger County to get rich in this portion of South Texas is not playing a certain game. Here, as elsewhere, farmers have their troubles. Here, as elsewhere, a man is going to work, there is no special advantage to moving to South Texas.

General Butler Reports For Duty With U. S. Marines

Washington, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Brigadier General Smedley Butler today withdrew his resignation from the Marine Corps.

Although the leave under which he had been serving as directors of public safety of Philadelphia, would not expire until December 31, General Butler immediately reported for duty. He will return to Philadelphia for a few days to arrange his private affairs and then come back to Washington. Late in January he will go to San Diego to take command of the Marine base there.

PACIFIC COAST STATES REPORT COLD WEATHER

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The Pacific Coast states, the little inclined to grumble when the weather man gave them temperatures of from 40 to 60 above zero yesterday, were silenced when reports from the East told of men freezing to death in temperatures colder than 20 degrees below zero.

Southern Californians who didn't like yesterday's rain or the forecast of more rain for today, began to be a little thankful that it was not snow.

The Pacific northwest, where temperatures averaged fifty degrees above zero, warmer than usual, are well satisfied and hope for a continuation of the warm spell.

The sentiment in California seems to be "Well, it's colder in the East and snow."

FIVE INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENTS AT DALLAS

Dallas, Dec. 28.—(P)—Five persons were injured, three seriously, in automobile accidents here Sunday night. M. G. Crab, 52, of Greenville, sustained a fractured skull and a broken shoulder when an automobile in which he was riding collided with another. Everett O'Neal, 39, farmer living near Celeste, Hunt County, received a broken leg and Dewey Williams, Greenville, had both legs broken.

Frederick Visitors.
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Muller and daughters, Helen and Bess of Frederick, Okla., spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Betty Muller and other relatives in the Hinds community.

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WEATHER

Tonight and Tuesday mostly cloudy, slowly rising temperatures.

OFFICERS ARREST FIVE COUNTERFEITERS

Waco and Forest High Teams Clash Friday For Championship

INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TILT WILL BE PLAYED AT DALLAS

Italy, Texas, Dec. 28.—(P)—Waco High will play Forest High of Dallas in the Fair Park Stadium in Dallas on Friday, New Year's Day, the game to decide the Texas Interscholastic League Championship. The game will start at 2:30 p. m.

The place and time for the game was settled at a meeting of a committee from Waco with one from Dallas in Italy today. Neither committee desired to play on neutral ground so they decided to flip a coin between Waco and Dallas, and Dallas won the toss.

Believe Russian Troops Captured Post of Darkbad

London, Dec. 28.—(AP)—A report from Afghanistan that Russian troops have made an unprovoked attack upon and captured the Afghan post of Darkbad, has aroused concern here.

In official circles, it is believed, if the reports prove to be true, the action of the Russians will be regarded as a significant step toward realization of a movement which Russia is alleged to be secretly making toward India.

Stories of attempts by Russia to gain possession of Afghanistan, with a view to advancing through that country to India once caused frequent excitement. Diplomatic arrangements, however, brought the scares to an end in 1907, after which, until the Bolshevik revolution in 1917, the bogey of a Russian menace to Afghanistan and India had not reared its head.

Since the revolution, Russia's adjacent Asiatic provinces which adjoin Afghanistan have become Soviet Republics within the Russian Federation. Reports have been constantly received of Moscow's intention to carry through these territories communist propaganda to the masses in India, with a view to creating a revolution in the East which Russian public men declare is the ambition of the great Soviet Republic.

The annual statement prepared for Parliament by the Director of Public Information of the Government of India, just made public, says: "The traditional designs of Russia, after being temporarily suspended, are renewed in formidable shape and a flood of anti-British propaganda is being directed against impressionable points on the perimeter of the British zone."

A dispatch from Kabul, telling of the capture of Darkbad, said the Afghan commander was killed by the Russians and that the surrounding territory, consisting in whole or part of an island, formed by two branches of the river Oxus northeast of Khanabad, had been occupied by the Russians.

ALUMNI DISAPPROVES ACTION OF REGENTS

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 28.—(P)—Disapproval of the action of the regents of the University of Wisconsin in deciding that no gifts shall be received by the institution from educational endowments was expressed in a report today of a committee representing the University Alumni Association. The report, made public today by Oscar Hallam of St. Paul, former justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, said "we are opposed to a sweeping rejection in advance of any and all gifts from endowment foundations."

The Wisconsin regents last August adopted a resolution declaring that no gifts should be received from any incorporated educational endowments or organizations or like character.

The action followed donation of \$12,500,000 for the general education board of medical research work in "seeking a cure for a specific disease."

FIRST SNOWBALL FIGHT STAGED AT BROWNSVILLE

Brownsville, Dec. 28.—(P)—Probably the first snowball fight ever staged in the lower Rio Grande valley took place here this morning when a number of boys, members of the Austin High School Band here on tour, gathered up handfuls of snow and sleet in the street and pelted each other. The limited supply of snow cut the battle short.

Sherman Visitor.
Mrs. Beulah Abbott of Sherman is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Everett Westbrook.

Discussing Their Meal Tickets



Here are the brothers Pyle—Ira D. Pyle at the left and C. C. Pyle at the right. C. C. Pyle is manager of Red Grange, and as such is reaping a fat harvest. Ira Pyle has Ernie Nevers, famous Stanford star, under his wing, and expects a harvest no less fat. Photo was made in San Francisco, where the two brothers met to talk things over. Ira Pyle lives in Santa Rosa, Calif.

CALL 1925 WILSON YEAR

PROGRESS MADE TOWARD
INTERNATIONAL PEACE
IS COMMENDED.

New York, Dec. 28.—(P)—Calling 1925 a "Woodrow Wilson year" because of the progress made toward international peace, his admirers are marking today, which would have been his 60th birthday, as a national event by dinners and other testimonials in his honor.

The Post Office Department has joined in the spirit of the day by placing on sale the new seventeen-cent Wilson memorial stamp here, in Washington, Princeton and Staunton, Va., the Ex-President's birth place, today for the first time.

At Amherst, Mass., a collection of records and personal letters of Woodrow Wilson has been placed on exhibit. Princeton University has compiled information about him which shows that he held more university degrees than any other person of modern times, including eighteen from America and nine from foreign institutions. He was also an honorary citizen of eight European cities and a field marshal in the Brazilian Army.

The Woodrow Wilson national commemorative committee has announced dinners in his honor here and in five hundred other cities. Among those invited to sit at the speaker's tables at the New York dinner is Mrs. Wilson, General Tasker H. Bliss and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Ignace Jan Paderewski, the statesman and pianist, will be one of the speakers. Gold and bronze medals two inches in diameter, have been made for distribution among guests.

The birthday celebration, nearly two years after his death marks the end of a year which he would have every reason to regard as the happiest since the Armistice, his admirers said. They cite as the primary evidences the working out of the Wilsonian ideas in the signing of the Locarno pact and the prospect of American participation in the League of Nations conference and adherence to the World Court.

MILES CITY REPORTS COLDEST TEMPERATURE

Denver, Dec. 28.—(P)—King Winter, who accompanied Santa Claus on his Christmas errand last week continued to rule with an icy hand in the Rocky Mountains today. Miles City, Mont., was hardest hit. The temperature, which was 16 below yesterday, slipped to 29 below early today. They cite as the primary evidences the working out of the Wilsonian ideas in the signing of the Locarno pact and the prospect of American participation in the League of Nations conference and adherence to the World Court.

Colorado and Wyoming had a touch of zero weather. It was one above in Denver. The cold wave was hardly felt in Arizona and Utah. Phoenix had a low of 54 degrees above, Salt Lake City's lowest was 30.

Santa Fe, N. M., reported record cold for the winter, eight degrees above.

CHILDRESS ENGINEER DIES AT EL PASO SUNDAY

Childress, Texas, Dec. 28.—(P)—R. G. Caraway, 39, city engineer of Childress, died Sunday in a Government hospital at El Paso, advised here today. He was a World War veteran and was well known in northwest Texas as the builder of the Lake Childress Dam.

TEN STORES AT LORAIN BURN

CITY IS GUTTED BY
FLAMES.

Arlene, Texas, Dec. 28.—(P)—The business district of Loraine, sixty miles west of here, was gutted by flames over the week end, fire taking a toll of ten business houses and causing a loss estimated at more than \$100,000.

Firemen from Roscoe and Colorado aided in subduing the flames. A new water system is being installed in Loraine, a town of about 1200 population and a shortage of water and a cold north wind that kept the thermometer near ten degrees handicapped fire fighters.

The weekly newspaper, the Loraine News' building, the Dewdrop Inn, Masonic Hall, garage, Loraine Bakery, Crystal Theater, Odd Fellows' Hall, a garage, a mattress factory and a harness shop were destroyed.

Baptist Church Has Budget Of \$9,000 For Year

Members of the First Baptist church at a recent meeting set the budget for the current year at \$9,000.

At this meeting, an increase of \$500 was voted for the pastor's salary.

The membership of the local congregation has passed the 1000 mark and the Sunday school is in a flourishing condition. It was stated recently by H. D. Hockersmith that the local Sunday school had broken the record for the largest attendance under ordinary circumstances, when 543 were present two weeks ago.

The following is the budget as itemized: Pastor's salary \$4500; County missions, \$800; music, \$1000; Sunday School and B. Y. P. U., \$850; insurance, lights and fuel, \$600; charity \$150; of which \$100 is given to the Welfare Association; janitor's salary \$600; miscellaneous \$500.

STRONG EARTHQUAKE ROCKS MINDANAO

Manila, Dec. 28.—(P)—Weather advisers state that a strong earthquake rocked eastern Mindanao, Leyte and Samar Provinces today. The shock was strong enough to awaken the inhabitants but no damage was reported. The origin of the earthquake is believed to have been in the Philippine deep.

CREW OF FREIGHTER RESCUED BY LINER

VanCouver, B. C., Dec. 28.—(P)—In heavy fog thirty miles north of here, the lady Cynthia, a passenger liner, last night rammed and sank the Cowichan, a freighter. The Cowichan sank in eleven minutes from the clash. The Cynthia picked up her 14 passengers and 31 crew.

To Visits Relatives.
Mrs. E. E. Smith and little son have gone to Denver for an extended visit with relatives.

THIRTY DEATHS ATTRIBUTED TO COLD WEATHER

Every Section of United States Causing Deaths and Destruction Estimated at Several Million Dollars.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—(P)—Astronomers, with their eyes on sun spots and other solar phenomena, and weather prophets, who recently warned of bitter cold weather the latter part of December, have seen their predictions come true.

Sweeping out of the Northwest like Valkyres bent on destruction, the icy winds of wintertime have invaded almost every section of the United States and Canada, leaving death and destruction as a week-end aftermath. From the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic Seaboard, freezing and sub-zero temperatures prevailed, with virtually no relief in sight today, but with some moderation promised Tuesday.

The cold break from the northland pushed even into the heart of Dixie and beyond to the northern reaches of Florida.

Nearly thirty deaths were attributed to the cold, accidents at several millions were destroyed by fire and great suffering was caused among the poor and homeless. In the east, particularly, the low temperatures brought home the seriousness of the hard coal strike, now in its seventh week. Below zero temperatures were recorded in several parts of Pennsylvania and other anthracite producing regions.

Petroleum Tanks Burn

While most of the continent was in the grip of the cold wave, elemental manifestations of other kinds were noted in other parts of the world. Lightning incidental to a violent storm set fire to several petroleum tanks at Buenos Aires, causing loss estimated at \$1,000,000. Severe earthquakes were felt in several localities in Vera Cruz, Mexico, while storms continued to exact a heavy toll in France.

At Laktochelle, a fishing boat foundered, drowning several, and melting snow gorged the streams, vishing up serious floods.

New York City where the mercury hovered about seven above zero Sunday, the wind was biting enough to cause Robert Mayokow, Eskimo from Alaska and points north to say "It's cold." The icy winds, however, did not interfere with the daily swim of fourteen members of a Boston organization known as "The Little Street Brownies," although ice had to be broken.

Canada Shivers

Most of Canada shivered with the United States, experiencing one of the coldest week ends in years, with the mercury 24 to 26 below in some sections. One note of contrast, however, was provided by West Kootenai, British Columbia, which reported "Spring like weather," a green Christmas and growing grass.

The cold weather directly or indirectly caused 19 deaths in Chicago, while the midwest metropolis saw more than a million dollars worth of property destroyed by fire in two days. Five hundred alarms were answered here. The fatalities included four men found frozen in the streets.

Three deaths occurred at different points in Ohio and three in Kentucky, with other casualties distributed as follows:

New York City, Rensselaer, N. Y., and Baltimore, two each; Philadelphia, Worcester, Mass., Yonkers, N. Y., and Toronto, Ont., one each.

In Philadelphia an aged lamp-lighter fell on his post in one of the old-fashioned streets. He was carried to a hospital where he died of exposure.

Wheeling Has Big Fire

Fire at Wheeling, W. Va., caused \$400,000; a business block was destroyed at Williston, N. D., with \$150,000 damage; Golden, Ill., had a \$71,000 blaze and a half million burned up in Ohio. Numerous smaller fires throughout the country helped swell the total loss. While below zero temperatures sprinkled the entire weather map Saturday night and Sunday, the record for extreme drops was held by the northeast. The low point at Tupper Lake, N. Y., was 28, with Buffalo a close second with 27.

The reading was 24 at Saranac Lake, N. Y. Marks of 10 to 14 below were common in the midwest and Rocky Mountain states. The mercury at Ainsworth, Nebr., reached 18 below, while such widely separated points as Miles City, Mont., and Salt Lake, Utah, were 15 below.

Marie, Mich., tied at 15 minus. The cold wave extended into New Mexico, where readings of 15 to 20 above were frequent. In Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas the mercury was at the lowest of the year. The Ohio River was choked with ice floes and water traffic was tied up.

Visits In Amarillo

L. O. Johnson and family spent Christmas in Amarillo.

MEMBERS OF COUNTERFEITING GANG CONFESS TO FEDERAL AGENTS FOLLOWING ARREST

FOUR KILLED IN TRAIN CRASH

DENVER LOCOMOTIVES COLLIDE AT FORT WORTH SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Fort Worth, Dec. 28.—(P)—Four persons were killed and two were injured four miles north of Fort Worth Sunday when two locomotives crashed on the Fort Worth and Denver railway.

A switch engine, backing east, ploughed into a west-bound freight train which was leaving the city for Wichita Falls. The accident could not be explained except with the belief that the engineer of the switch engine had the blinds pulled down on the rear of his engine and could not see the approaching freight.

The dead are: P. C. Pickett, switchman, Fort Worth.

Harvey Decamp, switch engine foreman, Fort Worth.

Ray Sands, fireman, Fort Worth. The injured are:

I. N. Littrell, engineer of the freight engine, Wichita Falls who suffered foot injuries.

P. J. Wallace, engineer of the switch engine, Fort Worth, who was badly burned about his feet.

The four doomed men were riding in the switch engine. As the two giant locomotives crashed they were pinned between the mass of twisted and splintered steel and scalded almost beyond recognition.

Colonel Coolidge Confined To Bed Monday Morning

Plymouth, Vt., Dec. 28.—(P)—Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of the President, was confined to his bed because he had lost the use of his right leg due to faulty circulation. Dr. Albert C. Cram of Bridgewater, his personal physician, said his patient's condition was not to be considered serious.

FEDERAL REPORT SHOWS GAIN IN COTTON GINNINGS

Wilbarger County's 1925 ginning total was steadily gaining on the 1924 crop about the middle of December, according to the report sent to Washington by J. E. Lutz, Federal statistician for the county. The report made to the Government indicates that on December 13 of this year 45,379 bales had been ginned and 53,374 bales were ginned prior to the same date last year.

Mr. Lutz states that at one time this year the 1925 total was about 17,000 bales behind that of the same date last year.

FOUR PERISH IN FIRE IN MISSOURI SUNDAY

Springfield, Mo., Dec.—(P)—George Brown and three of his sons perished in a fire which destroyed his home nine miles west of Cabool, Texas County, early Sunday morning. The dead are: George Brown, 47; Carl Brown, 24; Edwin Brown 12, and Marlow Brown, 9.

MRS. BOB POE WILL SERVE UNEXPIRED TERM

Fort Worth, Dec. 28.—(P)—Mrs. Bob Poe, widow of the constable slain last week by Emanuel Carson, was approved today by commissioners' court to fill the unexpired term of her husband. Fifteen candidates sought the position. Mrs. Poe who is expected to be sworn in today, will have one year to serve.

Carson was killed by Deputy Constable Ed Finch after Poe was shot down.

Return to School

Erwin and Allen Coleman, accompanied by their brother, Floyd Coleman, returned to Lubbock Sunday, where they are attending Texas Technological College. W. D. Dixon, who has been visiting relatives at Elida, New Mexico, and Lamesa, returned with Mr. Coleman.

Plains Folks Here

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wright and children and Dewey L. Wright of Dimmitt and Mrs. J. M. Wright of Lubbock are spending the holidays with J. L. Burk and family.

New York, Dec. 28.—(P)—Arrest of five alleged members of a counterfeiting band, whose operations included the printing and distribution of fake stock certificates and Federal reserve notes, was announced today by Federal agents. The gang's operations extended into Canada and the Royal Mounted Police assisted in the roundup.

Secret Service Agents of the Treasury Department who made the arrests, said all five men had confessed. The agents said the evidence which started the investigation, showed that counterfeiting operations of the band totaled between \$35,000 and \$50,000. Of this amount \$25,000 in counterfeit bills was distributed in Canada.

Bills and notes were counterfeited on the Federal reserve bank of New York, the American Exchange National Bank of this city and the Merchants and Manufacturers' National Bank of Newark, N. J. The agents said they also found in the possession of Frank Wiegand, alleged leader of the band, a steel plate for the printing of counterfeit stock certificates of the Northern Ohio Traction and Light Company.

The band, the Federal agents charged, had retained two New York lawyers to give them legal advice in their counterfeiting operations.

The roundup was described as the most important arrests of counterfeiters in many months.

The prisoners are Wiegand, formerly a jeweler, who live in Elizabeth, N. J., Irving Miller and Herman Besen of Manhattan and Abraham Wiestein and Nathan Kraft of the Bronx.

A truck load of cameras and developing equipment was seized. Wiegand, the agent said, did the printing while four other prisoners distributed the counterfeits. Wiegand was quoted by the agents as having said that his jewelry firm, the Wiegand Jewelry Company of Irvington, N. J., failed for \$150,000 two years ago and that he turned to counterfeiting to recoup his fortune.

Wiegand, the agents said, had his 19 year old son, Frank Wiegand, Jr., a cripple, help him print counterfeits. The youth was not arrested but was left in the custody of his family. Wiegand is alleged to have started his operations last May. His counterfeittings ranged from \$5 to \$500 bills. Gold notes in denominations ranging from \$10 to \$100 also were counterfeited.

Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 28.—(P)—Elizabeth police today were informed that arrest of several alleged international counterfeiters in New York had been made as a result of the apprehension here yesterday of Frank Wiegand, a former Newark jeweler, was taken into custody at his home at Rayway Avenue by three secret service agents accompanied by police.

Federal agents said that the eight arrests and three additional ones which they hoped to make today would dispose of a band of counterfeiters whose operations extended throughout the United States and Canada.

Cameras and plates and other apparatus for the manufacture of spurious money were found at Wiegand's home and a partial confession was obtained, officers said.

The Agents said that instead of printing presses the counterfeiters employed a photo engraving process importing a specially prepared paper from England.

MANY TOPICS ARE DISCUSSED AT MEET

Kansas City, Dec. 28.—(P)—Widely varying topics, ranging from tornadoes and sun spots to fossil fish and a great pre-historic Kansas River, were discussed at the annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and related organizations here today.

Several thousand delegates of the association and 20 allied societies were registered. The convention will continue through Saturday.

DEPUTY CONSTABLE SAVES THREE FROM FLAMES

San Antonio, Dec. 28.—Breaking down two doors and plunging through smoke and flame filled rooms, deputy Constable Y. H. Lopez yesterday saved the lives of three persons. The fire resulted from an overheated furnace.

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MARKETS

By Associated Press Leased Wire

COTTON.

New Orleans, Dec. 28.—(P)—Cotton steady; January 18.35; March 18.72; May 18.46; July 18.27; October 17.68. The cotton market opened strong due to higher cables than expected and a severe cold wave in the belt. January opened 40 points up at 19.40 on short covering but later eased off a few points. The other positions opened 20 to 25 points higher and gradually advanced until March traded at 18.86, May at 18.38 and October at 17.70 or 31 to 35 points above the previous close.

It was regarded as probable that Liverpool was influenced to higher levels by a rumor of a reduction of acreage in the next crop. That influence also affected the local market and induced general covering.

The market continued to improve during the greater part of the morning and although January did not advance above its opening high, all other months showed gains, March trading up to 18.95; May to 18.65 and October to 17.85; or 38 to 44 points above the close of Thursday when the market closed for the holidays.

Toward noon prices eased off some on the disappointing mill takings for the past week, the total being only 359,000 bales against 448,000 last year. Although the small total was due to the holidays the market nevertheless eased off 9 to 15 points from the highs.

New York, Dec. 28.—(P)—Cotton futures opened steady. January 19.30; March 19.35; May 19.00; July 18.75; October 18.30.

The covering movement which started in the cotton market just before the Christmas holidays was resumed at the opening today. Some fresh buying also may have been promoted by firm Liverpool cables and moderately bullish weekly statistics.

Liverpool was an active buyer here and while the opening advance of 30 to 35 points ran into some Southern hedging, offerings were readily taken. January sold up to 19.40 and July at 18.75 before the end of the first hour, with the general list showing net advances of 35 to 39 points.

January was relatively firm on covering and led the early advance, selling up to 19.65 or 65 points net higher and 15 points above the price of March. The demand tapered off after the close of the Liverpool market, however, while the initial upturn evidently attracted some southern hedging as well as local realizing and prices showed a reaction of five or six points from the best late in the forenoon. At midday March was selling around 19.45 and July 18.66 with the general market showing net advances of 25 to 35 points.

Liverpool, Dec. 28.—(P)—Cotton spot steady. American strictly good middling 11.12; good middling 10.87; strictly middling 10.72; middling 10.17; strictly low middling 9.75; low middling 9.27; strictly good ordinary 8.7; good ordinary 8.27. Sales 5,000 bales, 4200 American; receipts 44,000 bales, American 43,200.

LIVESTOCK.

Fort Worth, Dec. 28.—(P)—The cattle trade showed considerable improvement over the close of last week. Calves advanced a quarter. Steers made a top of 7.25 on a car of feed stuff and other sales of part fed cattle at 6.45 and 6.75 were also steady.

Beef cows at \$5 to \$6 held to a fairly steady trend and butcher cows in full loads at 3.50 to 4.50 were also steady.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—(P)—Hogs, 52,000; uneven, packing sows 10.00; heavy hogs 11.00 to 11.50; medium 11.40 to 11.90; light 11.25 to 12.30.

Cattle 23,000; dull; fed steers 8.50 to 10.00; vealers 11.00 to 12.00.

Sheep 17,000; active; fat lambs 16.00 to 16.75; yearlings upward to 11.00; aged wethers 12.00; fat ewes 8.50 to 9.00.

Kansas City, Dec. 28.—(P)—Cattle, 9,000; calves 1,500; steady; fed steers 10.00 to 10.50; best yearlings 10.00; butcher cows 4.75 to 6.25; heifers 4.50 to 8.00; canners and cutters 4.50 to 4.80; hologna bulls 4.50 to 5.25; beef bulls upward to 6.00; top veals 10.50.

Hogs 4,000; higher; bulk of sales 11.25 to 11.75; picking sows 9.50 to 10.25; stock pigs 11.50 to 12.35.

Sheep 6,000; higher; lambs 15.25 to 15.75; top ewes 8.75.

PRODUCE.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—(P)—Potatoes, steady; Wisconsin, sacked round whites 4.25 to 4.50; poor 4.00; Idaho sacked russets 4.25 to 4.50.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—(P)—Butter higher; creamery extras 48; standards 46; extra firsts 45 1-2 to 47; firsts 43 to 44 1-2; seconds 41 to 42.

Eggs higher; firsts 42; ordinary firsts 34 to 36.

POULTRY

Chicago, Dec. 28.—(P)—Poultry, alive, first, fowls 26 1-2; springs 20; turkeys 35c; roosters 17c; ducks 25 to 30; geese 20 to 24.

GRAIN.

Kansas City, Dec. 28.—Wheat No. 2 hard 1.71 to 1.87. No. 2 red 1.85 to 1.87 1-2.

Corn No. 3 white 74 to 75 1-2; No. 2 yellow 76 to 77.

Oats No. 2, white, 48 to 49 1-2; No. 3, white, 47 1-2 to 48 1-2.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—(P)—With a big trade in progress and general buying at the start, all deliveries of wheat advanced here today to a fresh high price record for the season. Strength in foreign markets, especially Buenos Aires, was the chief new factor.

Chicago opening prices, 1-2 to 3 1-2c higher, new, style. December 1.86 1-2 to 1.87, and May 1.80 3-4 to 1.81 1-4, were followed by moderate further gains and then by a setback that in some cases went below Saturday's finish.

Corn and oats sympathized with wheat. After opening 1-4c to 1c higher, May 86 to 86 1-4c, corn scored additional advances and then underwent a sag.

At the outstart oats started 3-8c up and May 46 3-8c and later held near to initial figures.

Higher quotations on hogs helped to lift provisions.

AFTER HOLIDAY SPECIALS

Men's Unions 95c	Men's Heavy Coats \$3.85
Men's Flannel Shirts 89c	Lumber Jacks \$3.85
Children's Unions 89c	Heavy Duck Pants \$2.45
Men's Heavy Sweaters 95c	Men's Overalls 95c
Men's Wool Hose 25c	Men's Leather Palm Gloves 20c

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The rich shades that are so popular this winter are to be found by the early shopper.

Local Markets

Chickens, per pound 15c
Eggs, per dozen 30c
Butter, per pound 40c
Turkeys, per pound 25c
Cotton, middling, pound 18c
Strict low middling, pound 16.50
Low middling, pound 12.50

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends for their generosity in buying pies from the colored Idle-Owl Club to raise money for Christmas gifts for the poor and needy colored children of Vernon. Especially do we thank Mr. L. G. Hawkins for his generous donation.

L. B. WALDON, President.
W. R. VESTERS, Secretary.

The Gift Shop and Handicraft Club which was operated during the holiday season will be discontinued after January 1 until spring. Stamped goods and Mary Blake frocks at cost Wednesday.

"THE MIDSHIPMAN" NOW PLAYING AT PICTORIUM

The first authentic, authorized photoplay depicting the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis is "The Midshipman," produced by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer under the supervision of the Navy Department, which is showing at the Pictorium today.

In order that "The Midshipman," based on Carey Wilson's story might be a faithful representation of the American nautical college, Secretary of the Navy Wilbur appointed Admiral of Nulton and members of their official retinue to aid Director Christy Cabanne.

The choice of a suitable player for the leading role of Midshipman James Randall was left to the judgment of the Navy official and they finally picked Ramon Novarro from a large list of popular motion picture stars submitted to them.

Upon completion of the final details of the filming, a special producing unit numbering 250 technicians, electricians and cameramen was dispatched from the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios in Culver City, Calif. to Annapolis to begin the preliminary work. The cast headed by Novarro, soon followed.

During the entire five weeks that the company was engaged in the filming of "The Midshipman," the members lived at Carvel Hall, which hostelry is famous as the stopping place of George Washington and is now the center of Washington and Baltimore social activity during June Week. To reach the Academy the players just had to cross the street.

The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer company surrounded Mr. Novarro with a cast that boasts of such lustrous names as Harriet Hammond, Wesley Barryn, Margaret Seddon, Crawford Kent, Kathleen Key, Pauline Neff, Harold Godwin, Maurice Ryan and William Boyd.

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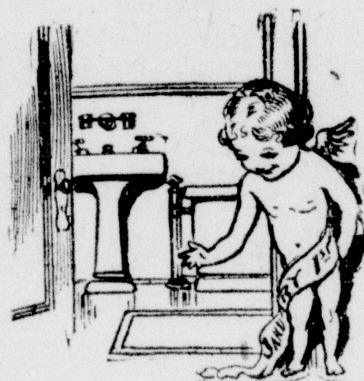
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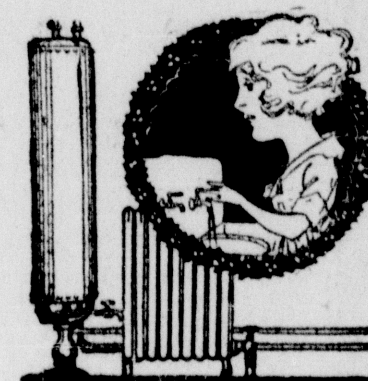
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MR. MOODY'S LATEST RULING.

The latest statement of Attorney General Moody touching the legal question involved in the proposed special session of the Legislature does not simplify the problems of Speaker Satterwhite to any extent. On the contrary, the latest ruling is more likely to accentuate the embarrassment of his situation.

What the Attorney General has told Mr. Satterwhite the Legislature can do legally is to issue scrip or vouchers in payment for mileage and per diem of members attending a special session called by the Speaker, provided it is called for the purpose of investigating charges on which impeachment proceedings are contemplated.

The Speaker has never indicated that impeachment is the object of the session he proposes to call. The only object which he has given for calling a special session is to investigate alleged irregularities in the Highway Department.

By no stretch of terms could this be called an investigation for the purpose of filing impeachment charges, because the officials who are alleged to have been guilty of misconduct have resigned and are therefore no longer accountable to the Legislature. No one has ever hinted at impeachment proceedings against the Governor.

There has all along been a lack of frankness in the discussion of the proposed special session. One purpose has been given as the reason for calling it, while all well informed persons have known all along that the reason given by Speaker Satterwhite and those who are anxious to have the session called is not the real reason for wishing to convoke the session now.

The Attorney General's latest ruling does not simplify the situation of the Speaker, but it will serve at least one useful purpose. It will put a stop to the camouflaging. The Speaker, if he wishes to call a session under the warrant of the Attorney General's ruling, will of necessity have to make it clear that impeachment proceedings are contemplated. And if he wishes to institute impeachment proceedings, he will find it necessary to make known the identity of the official or officials he proposes to impeach.

The Record imagines that Speaker Satterwhite regrets rather than welcomes Mr. Moody's latest special session ruling.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT NEEDED.

One of the things that ought to be done during the coming year is the launching of a movement for the completion of Wilbarger County's highway system. The launching of a movement may seem a modest suggestion. The completion of our highways is the object in view. But this is the work of considerably more time than a year, and we will be doing well if we get the project launched and the necessary preliminaries out of the way.

It takes time to build concrete roads and build them right. It takes time to wisely expend large sums of money. Haste in such matters always ends in disappointment and the waste of money. And herein is a phase of public improvement that is too often overlooked. We defer improvements until they become an absolute necessity, with the result that they are delayed until long after the need for them become acute.

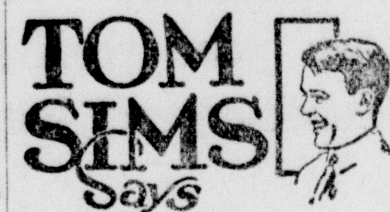
We can't build good roads in a few weeks, or even a few months. If we were to start right now to vote bonds, designate routes and do the other things necessary in completing our highways, it is doubtful if the task could be completed before 1929.

Some will argue that this is not a propitious time for launching new highway projects, because of the unsettled state of affairs in our Highway Department at Austin. There is no occasion for alarm over this situation. The highway movement is too important and too deeply rooted

in the thinking of the people to be defeated by the mistakes of a single Highway Commissioner.

A way will be found, if it is not already found, to go ahead with the task of building a connected system of highways in Texas. Men equal to the task will be found, if they are not already on the job. There is no occasion to delay the completion of our roads in Wilbarger County unnecessarily, because of any uncertainty of affairs at Austin. Just this sort of sentiment contributed to the defeat of our last county-wide bond issue has already cost Wilbarger County many hundreds of thousands of dollars.

There is no reason for compounding the costs of that mistake by waiting until we know beyond all peradventure that everything is all right from Austin to Vernon. If there are uncertainties, they will be cleared up long before it would be possible to begin laying concrete.



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These shortest days are the longest to the boy waiting for Santa Claus.

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The most dangerous word in our language is "yes."

Our idea of a radical is a man who thinks he deserves his neighbor's car because he can run it.
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A WINTER NIGHT

(The Record Staff Poet)
Sitting by the open hearth on a winter night watching a fire that glows and fades my fancy soon takes flight. The wind that sings out through the pines that stand outside the door, sounds like some great and mighty choir I've heard somewhere before. And, too, I hear an ocean peal and hear chorus raise the joy of children's voices in an old church song of praise.

And in that firelight, fairies weave old pictures that I know were only in my storybook of many years ago. There is "Humpty Dumpty on the Wall" and the "House that Jack Built" too. "Miss Muffet and Red Riding Hood, the Old Lady and her Shoe." I wonder then just where I am, how long it is ago since I saw those fairy pictures, and—a song comes, deep and low, my mother used to sing for me in the sweet long time ago.

It is really just the pines that sound like God's great choir? Is it just my fancy that films the flaming fire? Or am I really back again, dreaming on mother's knee, and listening to that low sweet song she used to sing to me? And while I'm dreaming, two arms to my neck creep, and the little fellow in my lap says, "Mother, you've been asleep."

GUYER NEWS

Mrs. S. J. Pate and family left Saturday morning for McAllen, where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Pate's daughter, Mrs. Walter Albright.

Miss Rosa Trisler, who is teaching in the Lockett school, is out for the Christmas holidays and she will spend her vacation with relatives here.

The Guyer school dismissed Thursday and gave a program at the tree Thursday night. It will reopen on January 1.

T. M. McClendon who has been suffering from an eye affection is reported to be improving after taking treatment.

On account of the severe weather the church services were abandoned Sunday night.

Edgar Kirk, Mrs. Kirk and Mrs. Jessie Stone went to Wichita Falls last Wednesday to do their Christmas shopping.

Mrs. Adolph and her two daughters, Sue Betty and Pauline, went to Vernon Saturday.

The school program for Thursday night was as follows: "Silent Night," quartet; "The Minister's Daughter," Thelma Gardner, Grenada Eristo, Marie Barberick, Pauline Long and Gloria Eristo; Dialogue, Eucie Churchfield, Lorene McCasland, Pauline Pate and several helpers.

J. M. Pate returned home Friday from Dallas, where he went to attend the Farm Bureau meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Churchfield caned a beef at their place Friday.

Mr. Barberick and family and Miss Lena Mae Nolden visited relatives near Tolbert Saturday night and Sunday.

Misses Lorene McCasland and Mae Faye visited Miss Sue Bettie and Miss Pauline Pate Sunday.

Prof. Frank Ward of the school faculty was a Christmas shopper in Electra last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Pulliam were

visitors in the Huff home Sunday. Ed Pulliam and family of Elliott are visiting this week to the house owned by George Trisler.

Mrs. Ed Whitlow and daughter, Irene, were in Vernon Saturday.

Mrs. Ida Power of Electra was visiting in the Pate home Saturday night and Sunday.

Several young people attended a social in the Long home Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. John Faye spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Pate.

RAYLAND NEWS.

Mrs. J. O. Simmon's brother from Floydada who has been visiting here, has returned.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coffman have as their Christmas visitors, their daughters who are in school, Dot, who is a student in Canyon, and Addie, who is a student at Wyoming.

Lee Jordan and family, Jim Jordan and family are leaving Wednesday for the Rio Grande Valley where they will make their home.

A large crowd attended the sale at Rayland Monday.

The Antelope school will close Tuesday for the holidays.

The Antelope school and Lockett school played their second game of ball Thursday, Antelope winning high scores, both boys and girls, the scores being, 11-2 in favor of the boys, and 6-4 in favor of the girls.

Our community was greatly surprised when the following couples were united in marriage: Maurice Fite of Fargo and Miss Effie Martin of Rayland were married at Vernon Sunday night. Mrs. Fite has made this place her home all her life and has many friends who wish her much happiness. Mr. Fite has been here for the past two years as a teacher in the Talmage school and in his short stay here has also made a number of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Fite will make their home at Talmage until the school term ends.

Bill Jordan and Miss Jessie Webb were united in marriage at the First Methodist Church at Vernon Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan have made their home here all their life, and have a great number of friends. Mrs. Jordan is the daughter of Will Webb and Mr. Jordan the eldest son of Jim Jordan. They will make their home in the Rio Grande Valley. Their friends wish them much happiness and success and regret very much to see them leave.

Miss Guss Russell left Friday night for East Texas where she will visit her home folks.

A large crowd attended the fruit supper at Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Allen's, the party being given for Willie Mae Jordan as a farewell party, and all her friends were present and enjoyed being with her again before her departure for her new home in the Valley. Her friends here hope she will make the same number of friends there.

David Blankenship, who is attending college at Canyon, is spending his Christmas vacation with his aunt, Mrs. H. D. Lawson.

C. A. Davis, who is attending school at Vernon, is here visiting his home folks, J. C. Davis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Lawson are visiting Christmas week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Lawson.

Mrs. D. P. Badford and children, Joe and Mildred, Mrs. Howell and grandson, Lovell, of Vernon, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Howell, Sunday.

Jack Lawson, who is attending school at Crowell, will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Lawson.

Miss Clara Skipworth is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Rochester.

The Antelope school will play basketball with Talmage on the Talmage court this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis and daughters, Jessie and Annie, were Vernon visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Covey and Florence Black were Vernon visitors Saturday.

Josie Davis visited Florence Black Saturday night.

J. R. Coffman returned Friday night from Dallas, where he had been on business.

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OIL FIELD BRIEFS

The past few days has seen a shut-down in development activities in the local oil fields, as practically all the rigs shut down for one or two days during Christmas. No new wells have been reported for the past week-end.

The Humble Oil and Refining Company has a sand in No. 1-1, and operators are running tubing to place the well on the pump. The depth of the pay has not been made public. The well is located in section 47, block 4.

The Prairie Oil Company's No. A-2 picked up some sort of a sand at 1870 feet. Operators are underreaming. The well is located in section 45, block 4.

The Humble Oil and Refining Company is starting operations on several new locations. The company is rigging up G-5, located in section 46, block 4. O-1 is also a derrick, located in the same section as N-1.

The Milham Oil Corporation is rigging up for a rotary test in B-1, located in section 32, block 4.

Sloan has shut down operation in his No. 1, located in section 31, block 4. The bottom of the hole is below 2200 feet, and it is thought the well is near the pay.

The Skelly Oil Company has shut down its No. 3, a wildcat in section 17, block 4. The bottom of the hole is at about 1480 feet.

The Humble Oil and Refining Company has picked up the 1800-foot pay in I-2 and operators are running tubing. The well is located in section 17, block 4.

T. W. C. Student at Home.
Miss Opal Lewis, who is attending the Texas Woman's college at Fort Worth is home spending the holidays.

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Visit Relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Bonner and Mr. and Mrs. Verne Weekley visited relatives at Crosbyton.

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Calculations from Government figures show that bull rings in and near Mexico City took in 1,043,324 pesos during 1925 while movie theaters for the same time and territory had receipts of 4,683,106.

Authorities think the ratio is representative of the country generally.

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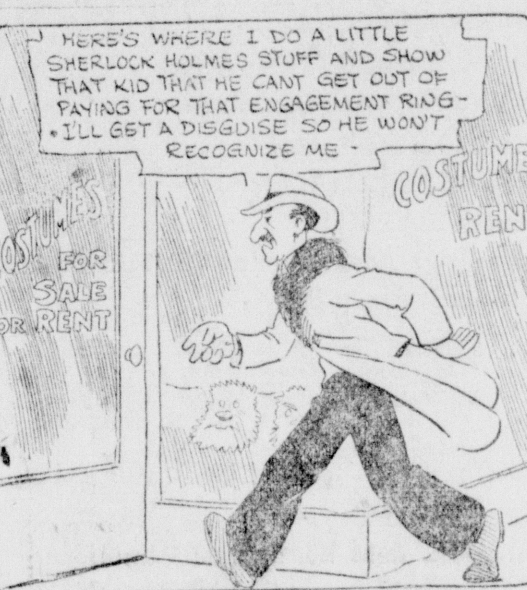
Pittsburgh, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The Bellefonte Academy football squad, headed by Coach Carl Shively, is on its way to Sherman, Texas, where on New Year's Day it will play the Texas eleven in a game advertised "for the Prep School Championship of the Country." The team will practice in St. Louis today after which it will entrain again, arriving at its destination late tomorrow.

ORCHARDISTS HOPE FOR WEEK OF CLOUDY WEATHER

Brownsville, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Orchardists are hoping for a week of cloudy weather to prevent further damage from the freeze in the Lower Rio Grande Valley last night. If the temperature moderates slowly and the sun does not shine the damage to citrus trees will be slight.

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Miss Lora Long Writes of Work At Wesley House

Miss Lora Long, recent graduate of the Scarritt Bible Training school at Nashville, Tenn., and former Vernon young woman, member of the local Methodist church now doing social service work at the Wesley House in Nashville, Tenn., writes interestingly of her work there, in the following letter.

"My Dear Friends:
I've been thinking for some time that I would write to you, but I wanted to wait till everything was organized, and since then I haven't had time.

I have charge of the Club work here at Wesley House, instead of the new work I told you about. The other new worker has had several years experience and they gave her that awful section for which I'm truly thankful.

I am just delighted with settlement work. It grows more interesting all the time and there is more real joy in it than in any other work I have ever done.

In these three months I have found use for every kind of training I have ever had in any line. Have already done many things I had never thought I could do—from playing the piano at church to teaching a cooking class.

I have taken charge of the book-keeping for Wesley House much to the relief of our head resident.

We have clubs every afternoon and four nights a week. Part of the time we have two going at once. There are three cooking classes, a Little Home Makers' Club, Mothers' Club, Girl Reserves, Story Hour, Sewing School, Baby Clinic, and two boys' clubs which meet two nights each.

Friday is my rest day so I am free to do as I please and someone else takes the clubs on that day. Then Miss Myne, our head resident, takes my boys two nights a week.

We have nothing here on Sundays, for we work in the different churches around here. I go to a little mission church and am supposed to have the young peoples' class, but I have everyone from 13 years up to the grandpas.

We have a new preacher now, and we are hoping to really do something this year. He and his wife are very fine. They are both going to Vanderbilt and she is to take some work at Scarritt.

Wish you could see our two kindergartens, one here and one in another needy section. They surely are doing some fine work.

The annex where I thought I was to be, is doing well, too. There is no worse section in the city, but Miss Robinson is not afraid of the worst of them. There was a death down there last night and she went by herself, and got in at 2 a. m. There are five workers here and three of us are from Texas.

There is excitement in our Wesley House family these days for our head resident is to be married Christmas. This might be interesting to Brother Bickley, as he is a personal friend of his. He is a preacher but is writing now instead of preaching. They will get rooms near her and she will go on with her work till after council.

I wish you might come in some Saturday afternoon and see our sewing school. We have enrolled about 37, and have 14 teachers. Four of them are from Scarritt. The little Korean and Japanese girls and two other fine girls also three from Peabody.

In our girls reserves, the helpers are all from Scarritt, five of their best. You see I know so many of

them from last year, and they gave me very one I asked for, so I think we have quite a "select crowd" of helpers.

The different Missionary Societies of the city sponsor different activities—the cooking school, one the kindergarten, etc. I have about 24 helpers with my work, so if this first year is a successful one, it will be due largely to my wonderful helpers.

If I had selected my own appointment, I'm sure I couldn't have done better. They are all so sweet to me and I love my work better every day. How little did I realize when I was working over in Northwest Vernon, that I was getting such valuable training for this work.

How is the work at the Community House progressing. I wish you might have a paid worker who could give her whole time to the work. It would mean so much, not only to the people in that section, but to the whole city. I'm learning more and more that the best way to help people is to teach them to help themselves. It is so easy to pauperize people by doing too much for them.

When we visit in these homes we can understand why the Wesley House is such a wonderful place to them, for we try to make it as pretty and attractive as possible, and so many of them are from such bare, dirty homes, with nothing attractive about them.

When I first came I just wondered if I ever could love such dirty, smelly people, but I can truthfully say now that I do love them, and it does me lots of good to know that they are beginning to love me.

I go out to Scarritt real often and it is like going home. The girls are lovely to invite me out so often and it is fine to get away from dirty people and smells, occasionally.

Don't think I mean Wesley House is that kind. It is a lovely place. The whole second floor is our apartment. We have our separate bedrooms, two living rooms, dining rooms, kitchen and two baths. Everything was repainted and repapered in the summer and our rooms are very attractive.

We have a good maid who does all the kitchen work, cleans the house, and our rooms once a week. We have received some nice Thanksgiving donations which will be distributed among the poor, sick, hospitals, etc.

Then all our Christmas work, and the wedding besides—I just wonder how we will ever get through. We are to have seven Xmas trees. The first on Friday before Christmas, the last the morning of the 24th. Then we will be free till Jan. 4th.

Think it is too bad I'm so far away I can't come home.

We do a great deal of investigating cases for the "Big Brothers," who take such good care of the poor of the city at Xmas time, that we are glad to cooperate with them.

Am sure you are wondering if I will ever stop, but I must tell you a little about Scarritt. Their enrollment is much larger than last year and they have a very fine student body. The Seniors are very much excited over their appointments, for in a short time the foreign candidates will know their fields.

Many friends in Brazil, that you remember so beautifully, writes me often. She says Rio is wonderful and she has many amusing things to tell of their mistakes in language. After they learn to talk, am sure they will enjoy their work very much.

I haven't heard whether Bro. Bickley came back or not, but suppose he did.

Hope your Society does a great work this year and the whole church prospers.

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Your sincere friend,
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Miss Beulah Ladd Weds A.D. Skinner of Marlow, Okla.

The marriage of Miss Beulah Ladd of this city, to Admiral D. Skinner of Marlow, Okla., on December 26, comes as a surprise to her many friends here.

The ceremony was read in the presence of only a few relatives at the home of his sister, Mrs. Lillard Wallace in Dallas.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ladd of 1103, Wilbarger street, and is one of Vernon's most popular young ladies. Her charming personality has made her many friends among both young and old and she is being showered with best wishes.

Mr. Skinner is a son of Mrs. R. P. Webb of Marlow, Okla., and a brother of Luther Webb of this city and until recently has been connected with the firm of Harry C. Smythe Dry Goods Company of Marlow.

After a short wedding trip, the young couple will be at home in Vernon.

FIRE BREAKS OUT ON MIAMI ASPHALT WHARF

Miami, Fla., Dec. 28.—(AP)—A fire broke out in the Belcher Asphalt Wharf off Miami Bay front today, threatening adjoining harbor craft loaded with gasoline and building materials. Nearby oil cars also were endangered by the blaze, which started in vans of tar.

Noel Mason is Here.
Noel Mason, who is a student at Texas Technological College at Lubbock, is here for the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Vera Mason.

Mrs. Kirby Better.
Mrs. Emma Kirby, who has been very ill for three weeks, is very much improved.

John B. Waller is Home.
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